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NAL Annual Reports Available

Beltsville, MD — The National Agricultural Library (NAL) *Annual Report for 1991* is now available. The 59-page report highlights 54 programs and activities of the library in the areas of Developments, Services, Collection Management, and Technology and provides statistical data in 9 tables and 4 graphs.

Copies of the report for 1990 are also still available.

To obtain a copy of either or both reports while supplies last, send a request with a self-addressed label to:

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1992 List of Journals Indexed in AGRICOLA Available

Beltsville, MD — The 1992 edition of the *List of Journals Indexed in AGRICOLA* (LJI) is now available from the National Agricultural Library (NAL). AGRICOLA (*AGRICultural OnLine Access*) is NAL's computerized bibliographic database.

The 1992 LJI updates previous editions and includes sections for titles added during 1991, titles no longer indexed, an alphabetical listing by journal title, an abbreviated title listing, a listing by subject category and a list of journals abstracted in AGRICOLA. The new LJI includes 2,012 journals currently indexed by NAL and NAL cooperators for inclusion in AGRICOLA.

Journals are listed alphabetically by full title in the main section of the publication. In addition, each entry includes the abbreviated title, NAL call number, International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), place of publication, publisher's name, indexing coverage of the journal (i.e. — indexed selectively or cover-to-cover) and indicates if author abstracts are included in the AGRICOLA records.

The listing is an important reference tool for indexers, catalogers, reference librarians and other users of AGRICOLA. AGRICOLA contains records for agricultural literature citations of journal articles, monographs, theses, patents, computer software, audiovisual materials, technical reports, maps, manuscripts and microforms.

The LJI includes titles indexed for AGRICOLA as of January 1992. NAL's Indexing Branch updates the list annually to reflect additions, deletions and other changes. Requests for more information or to have new titles considered for indexing should be sent to the address below, or call (301) 504-5178.

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Copies of the LJI can be obtained by sending a self-addressed label with a request to:

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Attn: LJI92
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World List of Agricultural Serials Now on CD-ROM

Beltsville, MD — The National Agricultural Library's (NAL) World List of Agricultural Serials (WLAS) computer database has been released on Compact Disk-Read Only Memory (CD-ROM) by SilverPlatter International, Inc.

WLAS is a comprehensive list of current and retrospective serials on agricultural sciences and related areas, such as economics, management and information sciences. It was compiled by NAL in cooperation with the CAB International, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other international institutions.

The database contains records with bibliographic information for over 56,000 titles with annotations indicating whether the title is indexed in any of the three major agricultural databases: AGRICOLA, CAB ABSTRACTS, and AGRIS.

Each WLAS record consists of bibliographic descriptions such as the language the serial is printed in, country of publication, frequency, title, publisher, etc. Additional information such as International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), years of publication, etc., is provided when available. The level of description and amount of data varies based on the source of information.

For additional information, or to question or comment on the contents of the database, contact:

Idalia Acosta, Head
Cataloging Branch, Room 110
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NAFTA Fact Sheet Available from NAL

Beltsville, MD — The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is the subject of a fact sheet available from the Agricultural Trade and Marketing Information Center (ATMIC) of the National Agricultural Library (NAL).

The fact sheet, prepared by ATMIC Coordinator Mary Lassanyi, gives a chronology of events leading to NAFTA talks; lists dozens of reference articles on NAFTA, the U.S./Canada Free Trade Agreement and the U.S./Mexico Free Trade Agreement; and gives addresses and telephone numbers to contact in Canada, Mexico and the United States for information on these subjects.

Copies of "Fact Sheet — North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Mexico-United States-Canada Trade Accord" are available by contacting:

Agricultural Trade and Marketing Information Center
National Agricultural Library
10301 Baltimore Boulevard
Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2351

Telephone (301) 504-5509

The Agricultural Trade and Marketing Information Center is one of 11 information centers established by NAL to gather information and provide services on issues of critical importance to the agricultural community. Additional subjects covered include: alternative farming systems, animal welfare, aquaculture, biotechnology, food and nutrition, plant genome, rural development and health, technology transfer, water quality, and youth development.

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Health Resource Guides Available to Rural Leaders

Beltsville, MD — The National Agricultural Library (NAL) is offering, free of charge, two new “resource guides” to aid rural community leaders in dealing with problems associated with rural health services.

Rural Health Services Funding: A Resource Guide and *Agricultural Safety and Health: A Resource Guide* are the latest in a series of rural development publications prepared by the Rural Information Center Health Service (RICHS) of NAL’s Rural Information Center (RIC), and supported by the Office of Rural Health Policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The guides list selected publications and audio-visual materials which provide information on the guides’ respective subjects. *Agricultural Safety and Health* has a section listing the addresses and telephone numbers of national and regional organizations concerned with agricultural health and safety issues. *Rural Health Services Funding* contains a listing of “selected foundations contributing to rural health projects.”

“The guides give rural community leaders and health professionals a good starting point from which to develop rural health programs,” said Pat John, RIC coordinator. “Basically, what we’ve done with these guides and the others in the series is to save community leaders and health professionals hours and hours of research in looking for background and practical information.”

According to John, *Rural Health Services Funding* attempts to highlight the resources most useful in conducting a successful search to find funding for rural health programs, a major challenge facing rural health providers.

She said that *Agricultural Safety and Health* provides links to information addressing health and safety risks facing the nation’s agricultural workforce. Over 1,300 farmers and farm workers die each year in farm related accidents and 120,000 are injured.

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Both resource guides are available by sending a self-addressed mailing label, with a request specifying the desired guide, to:

Rural Information Center, Room 304
National Agricultural Library
10301 Baltimore Boulevard
Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2351

Telephone (toll free) 1 800-633-7701
or (301) 504-5547 (Washington, D.C., local area and international callers)

Other subjects covered in the RIC series of resource guides are *Federal Funding Sources for Rural Areas*, *Journals Significant to Rural Development Received at the National Agricultural Library*, *Alternatives to Waste Disposal*, and *Fee Hunting and Fishing on Private Land*.

RIC is a joint project of NAL and the Extension Service and is one of 11 information centers established by NAL to gather information and provide services on issues of critical importance to the agricultural community. In addition to rural development and health, other information centers cover agricultural trade and marketing, alternative farming systems, animal welfare, aquaculture, biotechnology, food and nutrition, plant genome, technology transfer, water quality, and youth development.

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